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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) San Diego – California Ranks Number One in Raw Number of Drug-Overdose Deaths**

(U) California ranks number one when it comes to the raw number of drug-overdose deaths—more than 4,600 victims in 2015, a trend primarily driven by opioids. While California ranks seventh lowest in the nation for drug death rates in 2015—11 deaths per 100,000 residents—experts warn the overdoses vary widely from county to county, with some regions even harder-hit than the national average.

SOURCE: 8 November 2017, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – Former Yahoo CEO Apologizes for Data Breaches, Blames Russians**

(U) Washington – Former Yahoo Chief Executive Marissa Mayer apologized yesterday for two massive data breaches at the internet company, blaming Russian agents for at least one of them, at a hearing on the growing number of cyber attacks on major US companies. In March, federal prosecutors charged two Russian intelligence agents and two hackers with masterminding a 2014 theft of 500 million Yahoo accounts.

SOURCE: 8 November 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Oregon – Coast Guard Cutter Returns to Astoria after Record High Drug Seizures in the Pacific

(U) Astoria – A crew of the Coast Guard cutter Alert seized approximately 9,228 pounds of cocaine and 55 pounds of heroin, a record high for the boat, along with 23 suspected smugglers. The Alert's crew patrolled 13,740 miles and used a helicopter and two pursuit boats to interdict seven go-fast-style boats suspected of smuggling. The crew's deployment lasted 73-days, which was focused on counter-smuggling operations in the Pacific Ocean.

SOURCE: 9 November 2017, [Daily Astoria](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Colombia – Twelve Tons of Cocaine Seized in Biggest Drug Bust in Colombia's History**

(U) Antioquia – Police seized more than 12 tons of cocaine from Colombia's top crime gang yesterday, the biggest haul in the nation's long-running fight against drug trafficking. The cocaine, with a US market value estimated at about \$360 million, was found stored underground on four farms in a banana-growing region of northwest Antioquia province, near the border with Panama.

SOURCE: 9 November 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Philippines – Philippine Military Inadequate for Fighting ISIS, Defense Secretary Says

(U) Manila – The Defense Secretary of the Philippines, Delfin Lorenzana, acknowledged yesterday that the Philippine military's capabilities were inadequate for fighting ISIS. The statement comes after the government declared the end of the Marawi conflict on 23 October, following five months of fighting

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which killed more than 1,000 people. Lorenzana acknowledged that before the Marawi conflict, the armed forces had denied the presence of ISIS in the country.

SOURCE: 9 November 2017, [Latin America Herald Tribune](#)

(U) Turkey – Turkish Police Detain 110 Suspected ISIS Members in Ankara

(U) Ankara – At least 110 suspected members of ISIS were arrested today in a police raid in the Turkish province of Ankara. At least 1,500 police officers, members of the anti-terrorist unit and the intelligence department of the Ankara Security Directorate raided 250 homes, arresting 110 suspects of the 245 they were aiming to round up. Turkish police have arrested more than 300 suspected ISIS members so far in November.

SOURCE: 9 November 2017, [Latin America Herald Tribune](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Young Boy Declares Allegiance to ISIS in Class, Referred to Prevent Program

(U) London – A nine-year-old boy who stood up in class to declare his support for ISIS is among thousands of children referred to the UK government's counter-extremism program. The majority were flagged to prevent because of concerns over Sunni extremist views but the number attracted to the extreme far-right is growing. One case revealed that a boy in West London declared his support for ISIS after watching violent propaganda videos online.

SOURCE: 9 November 2017, [Independent](#)

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